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## Symphony brings Chris Botti to Great Falls

The Great Falls Symphony presents today’s top-selling American instrumental artist, trumpeter Chris Botti, with his nine-piece jazz ensemble, 7:30 p.m. May 2 at the Mansfield Theater.

His performance is part of the World Artist Series, which began in 2004 when the symphony “took a leap of faith – along with a very large financial commitment – to bring internationally beloved cellist Yo-Yo Ma to perform with the Great Falls Symphony,” says Executive Director Carolyn Valacich. The performance sold out in a few days, and the World Artist Series began.

Building upon the success of that first endeavor to bring world-class artists to Montana, the symphony has since brought such greats as violinists Itzhak Perlman, Midori and Joshua Bell, flutist Sir James Galway and percussionist Evelyn Glennie to town. “We take great pride in bringing this level of talent to Great Falls,” says Music Director Gordon Johnson. “Our primary objective is to bring to our city the same level of talent one might hear in major American cities, at a fraction of the ticket cost.” Botti, he adds, “is one of the foremost jazz artists of our generation.” Visit gfsymphony.org for details.

# ARTS CALENDAR, MAY/JUNE

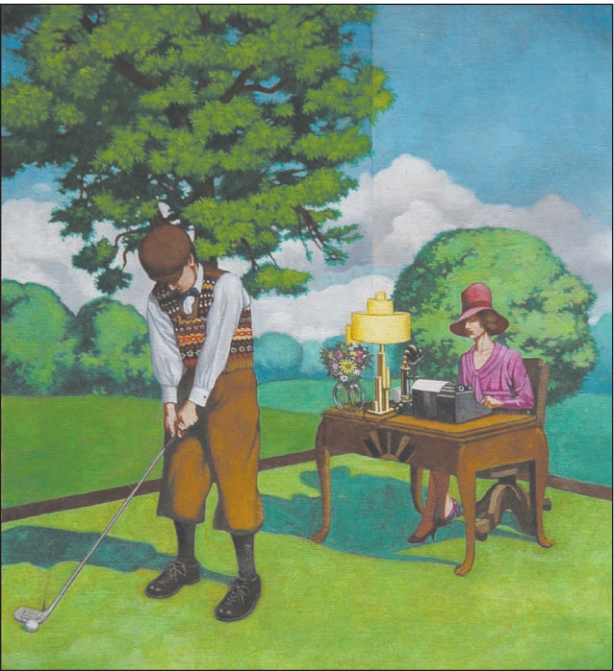
- May 10**  
Mother’s Day Pots and Plants Sale - 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502
- May 15**  
Reading: David Abrams - 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Library, 406-447-1690  
Reading: Rae Ellen Lee - 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Library, 406-447-1690
- May 17**  
Diamond Rio - 8 p.m., Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds, 406-457-8516  
History Fair - 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Downtown Walking Mall, 406-447-8357  
Wine Crush and a Taste of Helena - 7 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-442-7479  
Frontier Ball - 7 p.m., Windsor Ballroom, Montana Living History, 406-458-3700
- May 24**  
Artist Talk: Kristen Kieffer - 7:30 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502
- June 4, 11, 18, 25**  
Alive at Five - 5-9 p.m., downtown, 406-447-1535
- June 6-8**  
“Honk Jr.” - Grandstreet Theatre, 406-442-4270
- June 9**  
Helena Rhythm Dancers - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287
- June 12**  
“Living with Antique Furniture Restoration” - 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Library, 406-447-1690
- June 16**  
Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287
- June 18**  
Artist Talk: Ayumi Horie and Andy Brayman - 7:30 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502
- June 20**  
Holter Museum of Art Gala and Auction - 5-9 p.m., Gateway Center, 406-442-6400
- June 22-23**  
Big Sky Alive Montana Composers and Musicians Festival - Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287
- June 30**  
End of Ed Noonan’s Era at the Myrna - 6 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287
- Heron**  
*May 9-10, 16-18*  
“Still Laughing” - Community Center, 509-218-7833
- Hot Springs**  
*May 16-18*  
“Scarlet Ribbons” - Symes Hotel, 406-741-2361
- Jefferson City**  
*May 9-11*  
Spring Sale - Harpfarm Pottery Works, 406-461-1186
- Kalispell**  
*May 3-4*  
Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead Springtime Arts and Crafts Show - Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building, 406-881-4288  
Gifts and Collectibles Bonanza - 10 a.m.-6 p.m., The Gym, 406-755-4340
- May 10-11*  
Glacier Symphony and Chorale: “The Ecstatic Sea” - Flathead High School Performance Hall, 406-407-7000



Jazz great Chris Botti and his nine-piece band perform in Great Falls as part of the World Artist Series.

- May 14, June 11, 18, 25*  
“Reflect Conversations” - noon-1 p.m., Herron Park, 406-243-6022
- Laurin**  
*June 29*  
“Climbing Mountains in Skirts: Pretty Shields” - 2 p.m., Linderman Cabin, 406-843-5507
- Lewistown**  
*June 11-14*  
The Path Less Traveled: Montana Preservation Road Show - downtown, 406-457-2822
- June 13*  
Montana Preservation Alliance Concert - 7-9 p.m., Jack’s Hangar, Lewistown Airport, 406-457-2822
- Libby**  
*May 22*  
“Profiles of African American Montanans” - 7-8 p.m., Memorial Center Little Theater, 406-243-6022
- May 31*  
“Haunted Montana: Where the Ghosts Are!” - 11 a.m.-noon, Heritage Museum, 406-243-6022
- Livingston**  
*May 1*  
Reading: Joshua Phillips - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, Elk River Arts and Lectures, 406-224-5802
- May 2*  
Taste of Livingston - 6:30 p.m., Livingston Depot Center, 406-222-8808
- May 9*  
Andrew Gromiller and the Organically Grown - 8 p.m., Buckhorn Theatre, 406-222-9600
- May 9-10, 16-18, 23-25, 30-31*  
“Barefoot in The Park” - Blue Slipper Theatre, 406-222-7720
- May 15*  
“Stories of the Medical Profession in Park County” - 6:30 p.m., Livingston-Park County Public Library, Yellowstone Gateway Museum, 406-222-4184
- May 22*  
Book Release Party - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802
- May 29*  
Reading: Michael Earl Craig - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802
- May 3*  
Reading: Lori Micken - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802
- June 7-8*  
Montana Spring Knap-In Weekend - Yellowstone Gateway Museum, 406-222-4184
- June 10*  
Reading: Molly Caro May - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802
- June 16*  
Bloomsday: “Nighttown Suidae” - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802
- June 21*  
Reading: Joe Arnold and Paige Arnold - 2-4 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802
- June 24*  
Reading: Aaron Parrett - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802
- June 27*  
Art Walk - 5:30-8:30 p.m., downtown, 406-222-0850
- Miles City**  
*May 17*  
Western Art Roundup Quick Draw and Auction - Riverside Park, 406-234-0635
- Missoula**  
*May 1-3, 6-10*  
“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” - 7:30 p.m., UM Montana Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-4581
- May 1-4, 7-11*  
“Les Miserables” - MCT Center for the Performing Arts, 406-728-PLAY
- May 1*  
“The Nature and Scope of Religious Freedom” - 8 p.m., University Center Ballroom, President’s Lecture Series, 406-243-2419
- May 2, June 6*  
First Friday - 5:30-9 p.m., downtown, 406-532-3240
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*  
Improv Comedy and Sketch Shows - 8 and 10 p.m., Stensrud Playhouse, 406-926-2477
- May 2-3*  
“Prison Boxing” - Crystal Theatre, 406-461-5444
- May 2*  
Project Selvedge Fashion Show - 6:30 p.m., Selvedge Studio, 406-541-7171

- Spring Moon Square Dance - 8 p.m., Downtown Dance Collective, Old Time Montana, 206-227-4036
- May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31-June 1, June 7-8, 14-15*  
“Bullets for Broadway” Dinner Theatre - Stensrud Playhouse, 406-926-2477
- May 3*  
Eli Young Band - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521  
Mozartiana - noon, Top Hat, 406-549-5155  
The Light Show - 5-10 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 406-549-5329
- May 3-4*  
Western Montana Woodcarvers Show - Western Montana Fairgrounds, Bldg. 35, 406-273-4219
- May 4*  
Lunafest - 6-9 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-543-6691  
String Orchestra of the Rockies: Violinist from Down Under, Adele Anthony plays Eric Ewazen - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-493-2990
- May 6*  
“Cosi fan tutte” - 6:30 p.m., Roxy Theater, 406-322-2589
- May 6-10*  
Dance New Works - Open Space, PARTV Center, 406-243-4581



Tom Quinn’s “Art Deco” is among the auction items at The Light Show in Missoula May 3.

- May 6*  
Wilderness Issues Lecture Series - 7:10-8:30 p.m., UM Gallagher Business Building, Room 122, Wilderness Institute at University of Montana, 406-243-6916
- May 9*  
Alumni Showcase - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-243-6880  
Missoula Community Chorus Spring Concert - 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony’s Church, 406-493-9255  
Neal Lewing Alumni Concert - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-243-6880  
Reception: “Dream House” - 5:30 p.m., Zootown Arts Community Center, 406-549-7555  
Spring Thaw - 4-7 p.m., University of Montana Oval, University of Montana Entertainment Management Program, 406-471-6813
- May 10*  
James Walker, flute - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-243-6880  
“La Cenerentola” - 11 a.m., Roxy Theater, 406-322-2589  
The Maker’s Ball Fashion Show - Missoula Public Library, Missoula Public Library MakerSpace, 406-721-2665
- May 18*  
Tech N9ne - 7:30 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521
- May 19*  
Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice - 7 p.m., Ruby’s Inn, 406-546-6327
- May 22*  
Charity Golf Classic - 11 a.m.-6 p.m., The Ranch Club, Family Promise of Missoula and Southgate Mall, 406-728-0500  
Monster Flicks: Big Fires on the Big Screen ... - 7 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-531-8264
- May 23-26*  
MisCon 28 - Ruby’s Inn, 406-360-8876
- June 1*  
“In My Life - A Musical Theater Tribute to The Beatles” - 7 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051
- June 4, 11, 18, 25*  
Out to Lunch - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Caras Park, 406-543-4238
- June 5, 12, 19, 26*  
Downtown Tonight - 5:30-8:30 p.m., Caras Park, 406-543-4238
- June 5*  
The Fray - 7 p.m., Big Sky Brewery, 406-549-2777
- June 18*  
Don Williams - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051